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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE B.F. GOODRICH INTEREST IN AFGHANISTAN

1. DAN CAMPBELL, NEW PROJECTS CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF B.F.GOODRICH CHEMICAL COMPANY CALLED TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF A B.F. GOODRICH INVESTMENT IN AFGHANISTAN. THE FIRM IS CONSIDERING A MODEST INVESTMENT OF 200 TO 300 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ESTABLISH A PLANT FOR MANUFACTURING POLY-VINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY PIPE, AND POSSIBLY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS IN ORDER TO SUPPLY THE NEEDS OF INTERNATIONALLY FINANCED IRRIGATION PROJECTS. THE PLANT WOULD BE STAFFED BY NO MORE THAN ONE EX-PATRIATE AND WOULD UTILIZE IMPORTED RESINS.

2. CAMPBELL IS CONSIDERING STOPPING IN KABUL DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR AS PART OF A TRIP TO IRAN AND SOUTH ASIA. (HE HAS SEVERAL YEARS' EXPERIENCE WITH B.F. GOODRICH IN INDIA.) BEFORE SETTING OUT, HE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF
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ESTABLISHING A PCV MANUFACTURING OPERATION. IN PARTICULAR, HE IS INTERESTED IN THE PROBABLE ATTITUDE OF THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TOWARD FOREIGN INVESTORS AND THE RULES FOR THE REPATRIATION OF CAPITAL. ALSO, HE WONDERS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY AND CAPABILITIES OF LOCAL PERSONELL. CHRISTOPHER

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